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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A loop hanger for a seat belt through which a seat belt may slidably pass, the loop hanger comprising:

a base member (20) having a slot (21) through which a belt may pass wherein the base member (20) is made of a metal plate; and

a tongue (20a) formed integrally with the base member (20) ~~so that the tongue is also made of the metal plate (20)~~ wherein the tongue is substantially arcuate,

wherein ~~the~~ a center of arc of the arcuate tongue (20a) lies within ~~the~~ a plane of the base member ~~by displacing the arcuate tongue (20a);~~

wherein the belt is slidably turned back on the arcuate tongue (20a);

wherein a half portion of the arcuate tongue (20a) is located so as to be protruded from one surface side of the plane of the base member (20); ~~and~~

wherein another half portion of the arcuate tongue (20a) is located so as to be protruded from the other surface side of the plane of the base member (20); ~~and~~

wherein both of the half portion and the other half portion of the arcuate tongue are formed from the metal plate which forms the base member.

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2. (Currently amended) A loop hanger for a seat belt (10) according to claim 1, further comprising:

a cover member (30) which covers a portion of the base member (20) other than at least a portion (20a) of the base member (20) through which the seat belt webbing (S) is turned back;

~~wherein the cover member (30) is provided so as to cover a portion of the base member (20) other than at least the portion (20a) through which the seat belt webbing (S) is turned back.~~

3. (Currently amended) A loop hanger for a seat belt (10) according to claim 1, wherein a coarse surface portion (20c) is formed on the portion (20a) through which the seat belt webbing (S) is turned back.

4. (Currently amended) A loop hanger for a seat belt (10) through which a seat belt may slidably pass, the loop hanger comprising:

a base member (20) having a slot (21) through which a belt may pass wherein the base member (20) is made of a metal plate; and

a tongue (20a) formed integrally with the base member (20) so that the tongue is also made of the metal plate (20) wherein the tongue is substantially arcuate,

wherein a center of arc of the arcuate tongue (20a) lies within a plane of the base member;

wherein the belt is slidably turned back on the arcuate tongue (20a);

wherein a half portion of the arcuate tongue (20a) is located so as to be protruded from one surface side of the plane of the base member (20);

wherein another half portion of the arcuate tongue (20a) is located so as to be protruded from the other surface side of the plane of the base member; and according to

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claim 1, wherein reinforcement ribs (R) are provided on both left and right sides of the slot (21) of the base member (20).

5. (Original) A loop hanger for a seat belt according to claim 4,
wherein the reinforcement ribs (R) are formed on the both left and right sides of the slot (21) of the base member (20) along an opening edge; and
wherein a sectional configuration of each reinforcement rib has a generally semi-circular sectional configuration projecting on one side surface of the base member (20).

6. (Original) A loop hanger for a seat belt according to claim 4,
wherein the reinforcement ribs (R) are formed on the both left and right sides of the slot (21) of the base member (20) along an opening edge; and
wherein a sectional configuration of each reinforcement rib has a generally circular sectional configuration projecting on both side surfaces of the base member (20).